

**Department of Conservation and Recreation**  
**Seasonal Laborer I (Forest Fire Control)**

Seasonal Firefighter Laborers participate in fire prevention, detection, and suppression activities in state forests, woodlands and other property to detect fires; suppress fires using standard firefighting equipment and techniques; maintain firefighting equipment; investigate the causes of fires; provide information to the public on fire prevention and safety; and perform related work as required.

**Duties include:**

Keeps firefighting equipment in proper condition by performing routine maintenance and inspection to ensure preparedness for emergency situations.

Suppresses fires through the use of standard firefighting techniques by using such equipment as fire engines, fire extinguishers, emergency generators, radio equipment, air packs, safety equipment, gas masks, and protective clothing and patrol vehicles.

Responds to calls for emergency assistance.

Provides information to the public on fire protection, fire prevention and/or the use of equipment, verbally and by posting or updating fire and safety posters to promote public awareness of fire safety.

Operates forest fire observation towers throughout the Commonwealth on high fire danger conditions. Determines the exact location of fires through the use of topographical maps, charts and/or diagrams to ensure rapid response to fires.

Participates in rescue operations by searching for lost persons, downed aircraft and flood or drowning victims.

Maintains assigned area by constructing fire roads, maintaining fire roads and towers and keeping fire roads and power lines clear to ensure prompt and unobstructed access to emergency sites.

Trains other agency fire personnel and the general public in the methods and techniques of fire prevention and control.

Incumbents work under exposure to the hazards associated with firefighting, works outdoors in all kinds of weather, work varied shifts and irregular hours, and may work in isolated areas.

Performs park or recreation area maintenance during low fire danger periods and related duties as required.

**Qualification Required at Hire:**

1. Ability to understand and apply the laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, specifications, standards and guidelines governing assigned unit activities.
2. Ability to maintain a calm manner, make decisions and act quickly in dangerous and emergency situations.
3. Ability to work from ladders at heights greater than 20 feet.
4. Ability to lift and carry heavy objects, including people.
5. Manual dexterity, mechanical aptitude, physical stamina and endurance.
6. Ability to exercise sound judgment.

**Salary:** 874.95 bi-weekly

*DCR is committed to Affirmative Action: People of color, women, veterans and Physically challenged are encouraged to apply.*